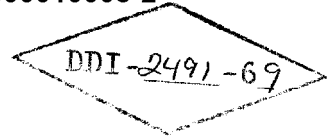


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29 August 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director, Central Reference Service

SUBJECT : Status Report on Search for TKH Documents Reported Missing

1. Nine of the seventeen NPIC-produced TKH documents reported as missing have been accounted for, with six being located in the safes in DSB, and three having been sent to the customer. The missing DIA document has not yet been found.

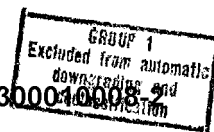
2. An intriguing aspect of the eight missing documents is that seven of them are dated 1968 and only one 1969, while all of those accounted for are dated 1969. Whether or not any significance attaches to this has not yet been determined.

3. The search for the documents still missing has moved from the most likely places to those which are the least likely and the Chief, DSB has had all safes and files in the DSB, both collateral and code-word, thoroughly checked on two occasions. The DPSD mail room has been searched. All pertinent Request Form 2816's have been reviewed to determine whether the documents could have been sent to a different consumer. A machine run of FMSAC requests was made to determine if all 2816 forms requests for NPIC documents were on hand. All of the searches have proved to be negative.

4. The CRS/TCO, [redacted] accompanied by a representative of OS, has conducted a survey and search of each of the ISG divisions, with the assistance of personnel from the divisions. ISG logs in each of the divisions and in the mail room were checked, and each division conducted a desk and area search. The NPIC Files Section double-checked their logs and shelf items, but it is doubted that this search was as thorough as it should be, since it was the result of a telephone request. [redacted] was asked to check its logs. All of these searches have also proved fruitless thus far.

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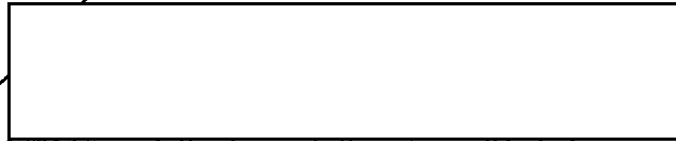


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5. Present evidence indicates that the package containing the 17 NPIC documents was received in the OCI Registry on 3 July 1969. There is no evidence that the complete package was received in DSB, and there is no evidence that the missing documents ever left the Registry. Whether or not the missing documents were ever returned to the Records Center is not clear at this stage.

6. At this stage it would appear most likely that the missing documents were misdirected or through some other inadvertence were forwarded to someone other than the original addressee. I understand that all DDI components behind the barrier are being requested to conduct a search. At present this seems to offer the best hope. However, a check of NPIC files and Records Center files through security channels also appears to be in order.



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